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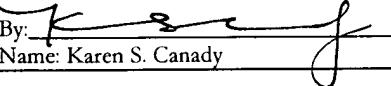
Applicant: Ulrich Schubert et al.      Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Serial No.: 09/913,927      Group Art Unit: 1648  
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Title: SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE OF REGULATORY VIRUS PROTEIN R (VPR)  
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) AND THE  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), enclosed is Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 for the amount of \$180.00 for having the items of information listed considered after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please direct any response or inquiry to the below-signed attorney at (310) 641-8797.

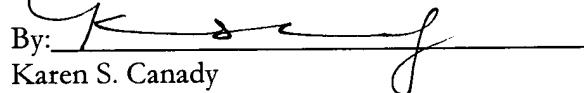
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